Boyd Camak

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Choose Joy???! 😡
October 7, 2025

Creedence Clearwater Revival – Up Around The Bend
October 7, 2025

Evening reflection (in 2 parts because

When I started in tech sales circa 2007, one of the first things they said in training was, you don't want to sound like vendor verbal vomit. This blog is vendor verbal vomit. The only thing I have to sell is sin, confusion, blindness, vice, disorder, profanity, despair, and death. I hear that sometimes the Holy Spirit

my iphone voice recorder cut off and I couldn't get it to resume)
October 6, 2025
These people (and many others) have helped me on the journey.
October 6, 2025
Here's a pretty good list of what helped me. (Or as the flattery bots put it, "my influences."")
🤣🤣🤣 [I thought that Jesus was in here somewhere…]
October 6, 2025
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Jonah's rebellion & …
October 6, 2025
Julie Reshe FB video clip

Index of Writings

Edit

This page brings together newer and older work—zines, PDFs, tools, and audio.
It's a bit uneven, but I'm organizing as I go so earlier pieces are easier to reach. FREE. TAKE IT.

Start Here

Burned by Grace: An Underground Testimony
🎧 Audio introduction
🎧 What readers might expect

Pain & Fear — A Demanifesto (1.1)
🎧 Discussion (15-min) → [add link]

Main Collections

Our Dead Man on a Tree: Building a Coalition Beyond the Christian Industrial Complex –> **boydcamak.short.gy/dead-man-on-tree** **boydcamak.short.gy/source-**

uses this collage of cliches and foolishness to do some good.

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ABANDONED SECTION
Thrown / Disoriented / Unmoored
[DRAFT--better blog navigation under construction]
About
art and music (draft)
backups
Contact Me
expired
fine print
Index of Writings
podcast grab bag and a few other things
topics etc. (draft)

October 5, 2025
life of Christ > theories about it
October 4, 2025
yep. that sounds right. also you just helped me to see that the Christian Industrial Complex is much worse that I realized “They’ve industrialized the path TO God.”
October 4, 2025
I wish this would provide a foundation for real ecumenism
October 3, 2025
claude.ai–Can you tell me more about why it’s original and wild (a good thing)
October 3, 2025

material
Burned by Grace
Pain & Fear — A Demanifesto release 1.1
Pain & Fear — A Demanifesto release 2.0
Zine 1.0

Pamphlets and Street Sheets

Through Fire and Thorns
WTF? (cf. The Apostle Paul)
Street Smarts: All Is Well?
Battle Card for Church Nerds (v1.0)

Essays and Blog Posts

Selected writings:

- The Crucifixion as Existential Fish Hook
- The Gospel Doesn’t Need Footnotes
- What Saint Joseph Teaches Me
- Christianity Is Not a Religion
- Why Easter Is Not a Tragedy
- Beyond Camps: Encountering the Living Root

Survival_Notes,_Not_Systematic_Theology__Why_Suffering_Demands October 3, 2025

Boyd_Camak's_War_on_Scaffolding__Why__Most_Theology_is_Demonic_ October 3, 2025

Why Suffering Doesn't Disqualify Theological Witness—It Often Demands It October 3, 2025

Demanifesto 2.0 is up October 3, 2025

Some reflections on today's lectionary readings. October 1, 2025

Please let me know if you have any post pics for this

- The Naked Gospel: A Manifesto of the Soul
- My Spiritual Trainwreck

→ **Full archive by month (PDF)**

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Tools

Patient Communication Toolkit
Walking Two Journeys at Once

(For personal or educational use. Not medical or clinical material.)

Audio

Audio Connected to Books and Zines

Audio introductions and reflections are linked directly with each title above.

General Audio Archive

next collection. October 1, 2025
(no title) September 30, 2025
Draft intro for a new resource I plan to pull together. September 29, 2025
suffering & knowledge September 28, 2025
Boyd Camak's Trauma-Informed Theology: Applications Beyond Religion September 28, 2025
Biblical Analogies of Divine Empowerment and Action September 28, 2025
Spiritual Surrender as a Secular Job Search Strategy (podca

All other recordings, previews, and talks are stored here:
→ link to shared audio folder
(Unsorted collection linked from various blog posts.)

Who This May Interest

- People exploring faith, doubt, or suffering
- Readers interested in theology, spirituality, or mental health
- Those navigating illness, recovery, or life transitions
- Anyone curious about this body of work

Archives and Links

- Monthly post collections (PDF)
- Audio and podcast archive (complete but unsorted)
- Zine 1.0 landing page
- Main blog → boydcamak.wordpress.com
- boydcamak.wordpress.com/index-of-writings

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Finding Strength in a job search in a difficult market September 27, 2025
I have a hunch… September 26, 2025
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(no title) September 17, 2025
(no title) September 16, 2025
For The Trenches September 15, 2025
Debate: Beyond Labels: Encountering Christ September 12, 2025
Beyond Camps: Encountering the Living Root September 12, 2025
Street Smarts: All Is Well?

Boyd Camak's theological vision is characterized by a raw, undomesticated critique of established religion, rooted in his identity as a "wounded witness". He anchors his personal faith in the visceral centrality of the **crucified Christ**, whom he often refers to as **"our dead man on a tree"**. This perspective views the cross as the ultimate revelation of Reality (with a capital R) and the sole source of **internal freedom**.

Camak, writing primarily as a layperson rather than an academic, developed his insights organically from a highly eclectic spiritual toolkit. His thinking synthesizes disparate sources, including the therapeutic insights of Marsha Linehan's Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), the works of existentialists like Søren Kierkegaard and Lev Shestov, the spiritual teachings of mystics like Henri Nouwen and Ignatius of Loyola, Orthodox theologians such as Hopko and Freeman, and liberation voices like Howard Thurman and James Cone. He finds grounding in traditional practices, utilizing the Catholic lectionary, commentaries, the rosary, sacraments, and sacramentals, while fiercely critiquing institutional abuses.

September 12, 2025
My To-Do List
In the Mind of God
September 12, 2025
Boyd Camak on Dismantling Complex Theology September 11, 2025
Boyd Camak's Trauma-Informed Theology September 11, 2025
Boyd Camak's Perspective on Psychotherapy and Faith
September 10, 2025
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September 10, 2025
The Gospel Doesn't Need Footnotes
September 10, 2025
the root of our faith is alive and real, the *live root*– regardless of who wins the

Centrality of the Cross and Existential Reality

The core of Camak's theology centers on the crucifixion, which he insists must be seen as a **visceral reality** to break through "religious anesthesia". He employs blunt, jarring language, referring to the crucifixion as a "lynching tree" or an "electric chair" and a "violent bloody spectacle". For Camak, the cross is the **"judgment seat of God"** that reveals the brokenness of the human condition and exposes the impotence of worldly power structures.

His existentialist Christianity begins with the unblinking confrontation of reality, holding that **"life already is hell"** and will "crucify you daily". Salvation is found not through avoiding suffering, but through participating in it: Camak insists that **"co-crucifixion with Christ is the way through"** to finding internal freedom, joy, and peace. He teaches that individuals can achieve this freedom by "attaching personal burdens" to Christ's suffering, leading to psychological grounding and integration.

"liberal" vs. "conservative" theology debate September 10, 2025
paradoxical or "reversal" passages from the New Testament that speak of joy in sorrow, strength in weakness, or life through loss September 10, 2025
Influences and Originality in Boyd Camak's Spiritual Writings i.e. writers and thinkers who have helped me and how I made a hash of it 🤣😜 September 10, 2025
a few highlights September 9, 2025
note to self today after a seizure September 9, 2025

Prophetic Critique of Power and the Christian Industrial Complex

Camak's approach generates a sharp, confrontational critique of institutional and cultural forms of Christianity. He speaks prophetically against the **"Christian Industrial Complex" (CIC)**, lamenting that "They've industrialized the path TO God". He views the commercialization and monetization of faith as demonic, arguing that selling spiritual guidance is like demanding money for directions.

He employs radical rhetoric to dismantle rigid or harmful doctrines:

- He rejects the idea that the core benefit of Christianity is merely the forgiveness of sins, calling it a "distortion of the gospel".
- He vehemently opposes the **"believe or burn"** mentality and dismisses the Roman Catholic teaching on eternal damnation for mortal sin as **"complete bullshit"**.
- He labels certain popular interpretations of Calvinism

(no title) September 8, 2025
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Don't be afraid to fire your doctors September 8, 2025
hot take: all Old Testament Christian seminary classes should be taught by Rabbis September 8, 2025
Pain & Fear—a Demanifesto release 1.1 responsible for fragmentary self-publication Boyd Camak h/t Søren Kierkegaard September 7, 2025
(no title) September 7, 2025
Christianity is not American. September 7, 2025

(TULIP) as **"metaphysical rape"** and a "theology of death" because they deny human dignity and God's love.

Furthermore, Camak offers a fundamental critique of **empire and power**. He rejects the conflation of Christian faith with political projects or national identity, asserting, **"I cannot be for Jesus and for empire"**. He condemns Christian nationalist movements for confusing "Christ's Kingdom with Western Civilization, or with America," labeling this a **"profound theological error"**. He maintains that Christ's Kingdom is a "metaphysical Reality" that is revealed through sacrificial love, not coerced or enforced by worldly power.

A Call for Ecumenism Beyond Doctrine

Camak's unconventional approach is designed to free the Gospel from "intellectual constructs" and "institutional scaffolding". He insists that the gospel is "so simple that it upends all of [his] categories and exposes the vacuity of all of [his] intellectual constructs".

There is no “American Christianity.” There is just *Christianity.* And it’s not American. September 7, 2025

next installment on zine 2.0 draft September 6, 2025

DRAFT my fear and pain, zine 2.0.pdf September 6, 2025

from today’s lectionary September 6, 2025

It’s so great to have AI flattery-on-demand 🤣😂 September 5, 2025

Boyd Camak blog backup to date 9.5.25_compressed (1) September 5, 2025

PDF of early blog posts…

Ultimately, Camak proposes a **genuinely ecumenical vision** centered on the scandal of the cross. He seeks to build a **“core center”** coalition of “academics, clergy, laypeople, seekers, and wounded outsiders” who can gather around “our dead man on a tree” to encounter Christ afresh, prioritizing this visceral encounter over negotiating theological differences. He notes that this shared struggle is what unites believers across traditions, suggesting that they should “share our life rings instead of arguing about whose ring is the right shape”.

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